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For: **A TISSUE ABLATION APPARATUS WITH A SLIDING ABLATION INSTRUMENT
AND METHOD**

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AMENDMENT A

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Dear Sir:

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This amendment, remarks and request for reconsideration is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 31, 2002 directed to the above-identified patent application.

Applicants simultaneously submit an Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(c) and statement set forth in 37 CFR 1.97(e).

The period for response to the Office Action mailed on December 31, 2002 ended on May 31, 2003. Please find filed herewith a petition for a three month extension of time. The period for response with the three month extension ends on June 30, 2003.

If for any reason the enclosed petition should become separated from this response, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to consider this a petition for any extension of time that is required to maintain the pendency of this patent application. In this event the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1894 for any fee that may be required to maintain the pendency of this patent application.